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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 04/29/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 01/24/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Maria Tsyurupa and Ludmila Pavlova

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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Applicant: Brady et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,802

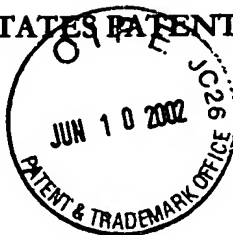
Filed: 21 December 2001

Title: Devices, Systems, and Methods for Reducing Levels of Pro-Inflammatory or Anti-Inflammatory Stimulators or Mediators in Blood Products

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

On 18 April 2002 applicant responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued in this application by submitting the signed Declaration/Power of Attorney, filing fee, and surcharge.

Applicant has now received a Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed from the Patent Office on 20 May 2002. A copy of the Notice is attached. The Notice indicates that the signatures of inventors Mia Tsyurupa and Ludmila Pavlova were missing from the Declaration/Power of Attorney submitted on 18 April 2002.

Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration/Power of Attorney which accompanied applicant's response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The signature blocks containing the signatures of inventors Maria Tsyurupa and Ludmila Pavlova have been highlighted, and it is therefore believed that the PTO Notice of 20 May 2002 is in error.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the Notice of Incomplete Reply. Acknowledgment of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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